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WASHINGTON, November 5, 1980 -- Orders for new freight cars totaled 4,406 in September, up from 2,991 in August, but below the 11,958 ordered in September 1979, the Association of American Railroads and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

Orders for the first nine months of this year totaled 37,032, compared with 100,556 for the comparable period of last year.

Deliveries in September totaled 7,146, compared with 7,012 in August and 7,056 in September 1979. A total of 69,179 cars have been placed in service through the first three quarters of this year, compared with 66,801 for the same period a year ago.

The backlog of cars on order and undelivered as of October 1 totaled 66,276, compared with 69,672 on September 1 and 128,130 on October 1, 1979. The average backlog so far this year is 88,676, compared with 119,805 at the same period of 1979.

Meanwhile, the AAR reported that major American railroads added 80 new and rebuilt diesel locomotives to their fleet in September, compared with 108 in August and 269 in September 1979. Deliveries for the first nine months of the year totaled 1,388, compared with 1,381 for the same period last year.

As of October 1, taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel-electric locomotives totaled 28,596, compared with 28,604 on September 1 and 27,755 on October 1, 1979.

The backlog of locomotives on order and undelivered as of October 1 was 595, compared with 577 on September 1 and 677 on October 1, 1979. Average backlog so far this year is 912, compared with 1,025 last year.

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FREIGHT CARS AND LOCOMOTIVES ORDERED AND DELIVERED

AND BACKLOG OF ORDERS

ALL RAILROADS AND PRIVATE CAR LINES

DELIVERED

	September		August	Nine Months	
	1980	1979	1980	1980	1979
Built New by Car Builders	6,596	6,618	6,158	63,656	61,965
Built New in R.R. Shops	351	344	836	4,401	4,120
Built New - Total	6,947	6,962	6,994	68,057	66,085
Rebuilt	199	94	18	1,122	716
TOTAL Delivered	7,146	7,056	7,012	69,179	66,801
Locomotives	80	269	108	1,388	1,381

ORDERED

To be built New by Car Builders	4,406	10,881	2,531	31,391	95,363
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	992	266	4,578	4,463
To be built New - Total	4,406	11,873	2,797	35,969	99,826
To be rebuilt	0	85	194	1,063	730
TOTAL Ordered	4,406	11,958	2,991	37,032	100,556

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	October 1		September 1	Average	
	1980	1979	1980	1980	1979
To be built New by Car Builders	59,806	121,375	62,652	81,760	113,337
To be built New in R.R. Shops	6,429	6,654	6,780	6,597	6,365
To be built New - Total	66,235	128,029	69,432	88,357	119,702
To be rebuilt	41	101	240	319	103
TOTAL on Order	66,276*	128,130	69,672	88,676	119,805
Locomotives	595	677	577	912	1,025

* Due to revisions and cancellations of some orders, the backlog has been reduced by 656 cars.

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